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When an idealistic 30th-century teenager discovers he is destined to become the time-traveling despot known as KANG THE CONQUEROR, he travels back to the 21st Century to enlist the aid of Kang's greatest adversaries, THE AVENGERS.

However, when young Kang arrives in the present, he is stunned to learn that the Avengers have officially disbanded. With nowhere to turn, he uses his futuristic armor to break into Stark Industries where he downloads the programming and data files of the decommissioned android Avenger THE VISION into his armor's firmware.

Discovering a failsafe program of the Vision's designed to pinpoint the exact locations of the next wave of Avengers, young Kang puts together a new team of super-powered teens, who, in an homage to the original Avengers, present themselves to the world as their would-be teenage sidekicks.

Dubbed "The Young Avengers" by the press, IRON LAD, PATRIOT, WICCAN, and HULKLING, are soon joined by STATURE (Cassie Lang, the daughter of the recently deceased ANT-MAN) and KATE BISHOP, a resourceful teenage Avengers fan who saved the team's life during one of their early adventures.

When the team defeats KANG THE CONQUEROR, CAPTAIN AMERICA expresses his concern for their continued safety by stating that, if they ever put their uniforms on again, he will do everything in his power to shut them down for good.

At which point, the kids, undeterred, go out and get NEW uniforms…

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DAILY BUGLE

THE NEW YOUNG AVENGERS?

By Bugle Reporter Kat Farrell

The reinvented supergroup brings a "shocking" end to attempt... The Young Avengers proudly display their quarry, The Shocker, amid the fluttering evidence of his failure. One hundred percent of the... was recovered. The Shocker is currently in custody. -Photo by J.J. LaRue

by Lorem Ipsum
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AVENGERS TOWER

...POLICE CONFIRMED THAT THE TEEN HEROES APPREHENDED THE MASKED CRIMINAL KNOWN AS THE SHOCKER, BEFORE RECOVERING OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH.

MAKING THE SHOCKER LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT.

WHICH--GRANTED-- ISN'T *TOUGH*, BUT IT IS *ALWAYS* ENTERTAINING.

THE SHOCKER'S ONE OF *YOURS*, ISN'T HE?

USED TO BE. BUT I'M AN *AVENGER* NOW, LUKE. I'VE GOT ULTRON AND GALACTUS AND KANG THE CONQUEROR TO WORRY ABOUT, SO--

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT KANG. THE KIDS *KILLED* HIM.

THEY DID *NOT*.

ASK CAP.

THE YOUNG AVENGERS *KILLED* KANG THE CONQUEROR?

IT'S A LONG STORY.

IS IT A GOOD ONE?

IT INVOLVES TIME TRAVEL.

'NUFF SAID.

AND IT'S JUST *ONE* OF THE REASONS I TOLD THE KIDS THAT IF THEY EVER PUT THEIR UNIFORMS ON *AGAIN*, I'D SHUT THEM DOWN.

I GUESS THAT EXPLAINS THEIR *NEW* UNIFORMS.

IS *PATRIOT'S* NEW? THE *MASK* IS NEW.

YOU KNOW HIS *NAME?*

YOU THINK THERE ARE SO MANY *BLACK* SUPER HEROES RUNNING AROUND THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER THEIR *NAMES?*

WELL, THERE'S ABOUT TO BE ONE *LESS*.

I'M SORRY TO *HEAR* THAT.

THE KID IS *SIXTEEN.*

SO? I WAS A KID WHEN *I* STARTED, AND I TURNED OUT OKAY.

ARGUABLY.

RIGHT...?

WHAT IF WE *TRAINED* THEM?

THEY'RE *MINORS.*

SO? WE OBVIOUSLY CAN'T *STOP* THEM.

MAYBE *NOT.* BUT THEIR *PARENTS* CAN.

CAP, *C'MON...*

...YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY CALLING THEIR *PARENTS,* ARE YOU?

FIRST I'M CALLING FOR *BACKUP.*

IF THE KIDS *KILLED* KANG THE CONQUEROR, CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT THEIR *PARENTS* MUST BE LIKE?

THE UPPER WEST SIDE

BILLY KAPLAN, IF YOU DON'T GET IN HERE *RIGHT* NOW AND EAT BREAKFAST WITH YOUR *FAMILY*, YOU RUN THE RISK OF DEVELOPING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIORS, SCORING LOWER ON STANDARDIZED TESTS, AND NOT GETTING INTO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE.

HONEY, DON'T TELL HIM *THAT*.

IT'S *TRUE*. THERE'VE BEEN *STUDIES*.

...ON THE SCENE IN **NEW** UNIFORMS, THE YOUNG AVENGERS APPEAR TO HAVE RECRUITED TWO **NEW** MEMBERS AS WELL...

Earlier today

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?

NOTHING.

THEN YOU CAN SIT DOWN AND EAT LIKE A *PERSON*, YES?

DING-DONG

THAT'S TEDDY. GOTTA GO.

YOU EAT. I'LL GET THE DOOR.

KLIK

THEODORE! YOU LOOK HUNGRY. JEFF'S MAKING EGGS.

THAT'S OKAY, MRS. KAPLAN, I--

JEFF! TEDDY'S HERE!

HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR EGGS, TED?

WELL, *YOUR* PARENTS ARE IN A GOOD MOOD.

ANNOYING, ISN'T IT?

WHICH MEANS YOU HAVEN'T *TOLD* THEM YET.

AND RUIN A PERFECTLY ANNOYING GOOD MOOD?

IF *YOU* DON'T, *CAPTAIN AMERICA* WILL.

MAYBE CAP WAS BLUFFING.

RIGHT. BECAUSE *THAT'S* HOW HE ALWAYS DEFEATED THE RED SKULL. BY *BLUFFING.*

YOU'RE RIGHT. I *HAVE* TO TELL THEM.

THEY'LL UNDERSTAND.

AND IF THEY *DON'T,* YOU CAN ALWAYS ZAP THEM WITH YOUR MAGIC POWERS AND *MAKE* THEM UNDERSTAND.

THEN YOU CAN ZAP *MY* MOM.

YOU *TOLD* HER?

NOT *YET,* BUT--

THEN HOW COME I HAVE TO TELL *MY* PARENTS?

TELL US *WHAT?*

WHAT *IS* IT, SON?

UM...

REMEMBER: YOU CAN *ZAP* THEM LATER.

MOM? DAD?

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW.

AND IT MIGHT BE HARD TO *DEAL* WITH AT FIRST, BUT--

IT'S OKAY, HONEY. WE *KNOW.*

WE'VE *ALWAYS* KNOWN.

I DIDN'T. YOUR MOTHER HAD TO *TELL* ME.

AND WHAT *YOU* HAVE TO KNOW IS, WE *LOVE* YOU, WE'RE *PROUD* OF YOU...

...AND WE'RE JUST SO HAPPY YOU BOYS *FOUND* EACH OTHER.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, TED.

NOW HOW DO YOU WANT THOSE EGGS?

THE UPPER EAST SIDE

THE GIANT GIRL. YOU DON'T THINK--

PEGGY, C'MON...

I KNOW, BUT THE COSTUME, THE HAIR--

Earlier today

...TWO NEW MEMBERS, A GIANT GIRL AND A FEMALE ARCHER...

HONEY, SCOTT'S POWERS WEREN'T GENETIC. THEY WERE CHEMICAL.

SO, WHAT IF SHE'S GOTTEN AHOLD OF THE CHEMICALS?

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

...CASSIE'S NOT EXACTLY THE SUPER HERO TYPE.

WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

IT MEANS SHE CAN BARELY FOCUS LONG ENOUGH TO DO HER HOMEWORK, LET ALONE CAPTURE THE SHOCKER.

BESIDES, CASSIE KNOWS HOW YOU FELT ABOUT HER DAD BEING ANT-MAN.

...AND THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D PUT YOU THROUGH THAT AGAIN.

SHE LOVES YOU TOO MUCH.

THE BRONX

WHAT ARE YOU *LOOKING* FOR, ELI?

NOTHING.

YOU GOT HOME *LATE* LAST NIGHT.

A COUPLE OF THE GUYS WANTED TO HANG OUT AFTER WORK.

SORRY, GRANDMA.

I *CALLED* YOU AT WORK, ELI.

THEY SAID YOU LEFT *EARLY.*

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO *TELL* ME?

I'M GONNA BE LATE FOR SCHOOL.

YOU MAKE SURE YOU SEE YOUR *GRANDFATHER* BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

GRANDPA...?

YOU ALL RIGHT?

"YOU THINK HE'S THE REAL *THING?*"

THE BUGLE

AVENGERS TOWER

HE'S *THE VISION*, ALL RIGHT.

HE'S JUST NOT *OUR* VISION.

WHAT DOES THAT *MEAN* EXACTLY?

IN TERMS THAT *JESSICA* AND I CAN *UNDERSTAND*.

THIS VISION HAS ONLY BEEN SENTIENT FOR THE FEW WEEKS SINCE IRON LAD INSTALLED THE VISION'S OPERATING SYSTEM INTO HIS *ARMOR*.

SO, EVEN THOUGH HE'S GOT ALL THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL *CAPABILITIES* OF THE FORMER VISION, HE'S HAD *NONE* OF THE EXPERIENCE.

WHICH ESSENTIALLY MAKES *THIS* VISION AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL, SUPER-INTELLIGENT...

...KID?

PRETTY MUCH.

JUST WHAT WE *NEED*. *ANOTHER* INCREDIBLY POWERFUL KID TO WORRY ABOUT.

SO, ARE YOU GONNA SHUT THE VISION DOWN, *TOO*?

LOOK, I KNOW THESE KIDS *MEAN* WELL, BUT WHAT OTHER *CHOICE* DO WE HAVE?

ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN TELLING THEIR *PARENTS*.

WE DON'T *KNOW* THESE PEOPLE, CAP. WE HAVE *NO* IDEA HOW THEY'RE GOING TO *REACT*.

WE COULD BE SERIOUSLY SCREWING UP THESE KIDS' *LIVES*.

THEN WE'LL START WITH THE PEOPLE WE *DO* KNOW.

I'LL TALK TO ISAIAH AND FAITH ABOUT ELI.

YOU TALK TO PEGGY AND BLAKE ABOUT CASSIE.

EXCEPT I DON'T *KNOW* PEGGY AND BLAKE.

I THOUGHT YOU AND SCOTT--

WE DATED, BUT WE DIDN'T *DOUBLE* WITH HIS EX.

TONY, COULD YOU...?

WHAT? SHOW UP AS IRON MAN?

STEVE, THE ONE THING WE *DO* KNOW ABOUT THIS WOMAN IS THAT SHE *HATES* SUPER HEROES.

YOU ARE SUCH A *CHICKEN.*

HAVE YOU *MET* PEGGY LANG?

OR WHATEVER HER LAST NAME IS NOW?

BURDICK.

NO, BUT I HAVE A TERRIBLE FEELING I'M *ABOUT* TO...

"MY *MOM* IS NOT THE PROBLEM."

THE MEAT-PACKING DISTRICT

THE PROBLEM IS MY STEP-DAD:

"CASSIE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE A SUPER HERO. SHE'S TOO SPOILED AND STUPID AND SELFISH."

HE SAID THAT?

NO, BUT I MUST BE, BECAUSE I KNOW HOW MY MOM FEELS ABOUT SUPER HEROES, AND HERE I AM TRYING TO BE ONE!

CASS, CALM DOWN. YOU'RE KINDA GROWING.

WHAT AM I GONNA DO, KATE? IF MY MOM FINDS OUT, IT'LL KILL HER. AND THEN MY STEP-FATHER'LL KILL ME.

WE'LL TALK TO THE BOYS AND FIGURE IT OUT, I PROMISE.

LOOK, SEE? THERE THEY ARE.

THEY'RE LUCKY. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, AT LEAST THEY HAVE EACH OTHER.

AND YOU HAVE ELI.

HOG PIT BBQ

OPEN

WHAT?!?

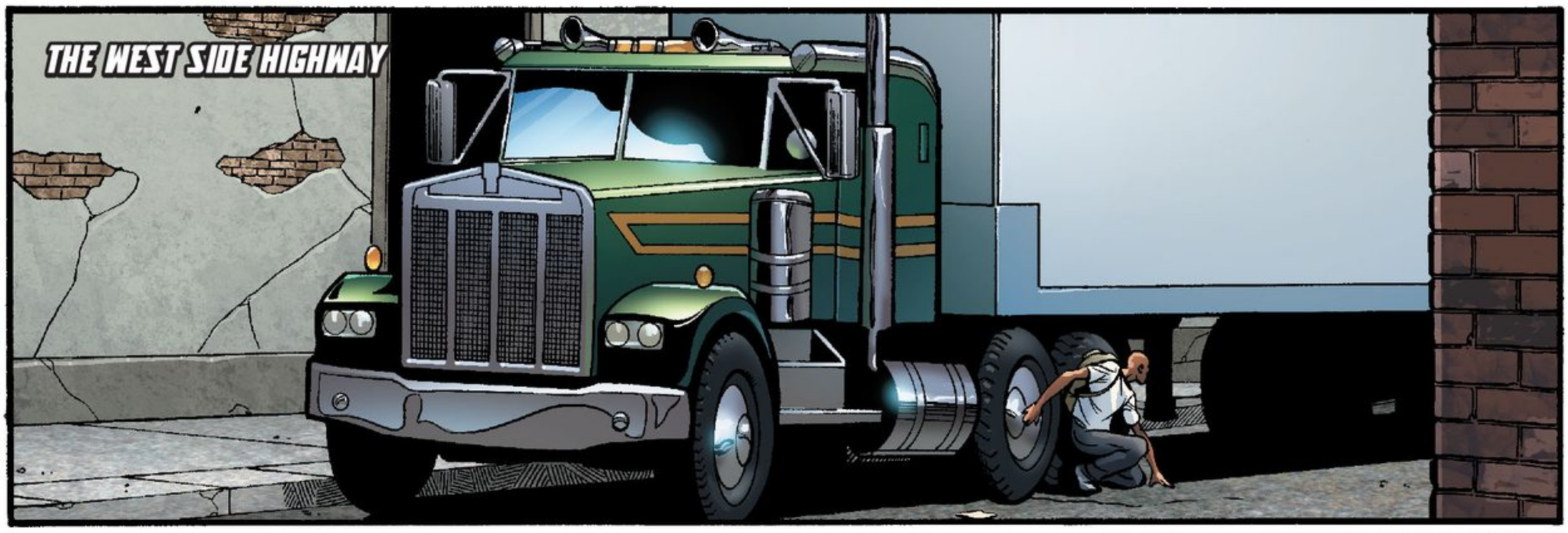
I'M JUST SAYING...

I DO NOT HAVE ELI. ALL WE DO IS FIGHT.

GEE, WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

HEY, GUYS.

PETITS PLATS
BREAKFAST
YOU COME OUT TO YOUR FOLKS YET?
ALMOST. YOU?
NOPE. BUT BILLY DID.
YOU DID?
YEAH...
...JUST NOT IN THE WAY I INTENDED TO.
UH-OH...
THE GOOD NEWS IS MY PARENTS THINK TEDDY'S THE PERFECT SON-IN-LAW.
THAT'S AMAZING.
THAT BAD NEWS IS THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA'S GONNA SHOW UP AND TELL THEM THAT HE'S ALSO A SHAPE-SHIFTER.
AND THAT THEIR SON IS A PRACTICING WITCH.
WARLOCK.
WHATEVER.
I SAY WE GO TO AVENGERS TOWER AND HEAD CAP OFF AT THE PASS BEFORE HE CAN GET TO OUR PARENTS.
AND SAY WHAT?
WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.
AND IF WE DON'T, YOU CAN ZAP HIM. LET'S GO.
WE CAN'T. NOT WITHOUT ELI.
I WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING HIM.


THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY

HEY, KID.

YOU JUST WINDOW-SHOPPING?

BLAM! BLAM!

BLAM! BLAM!

OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN?

KRAKOOM

HE'S NOT ANSWERING HIS CELL.
YOU THINK HE TOLD HIS GRANDMA THE TRUTH AND SHE--?
WHAT? LOCKED HIM IN HIS ROOM?
ELI'S A SUPER-SOLDIER. EVEN IF HIS GRANDMA WANTED TO STOP HIM, THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN DO.
SHE CAN MAKE HIM FEEL GUILTY.
EXCEPT THAT.
AND GRANDMA GUILT IS THE WORST.
I HATE TO EVEN ASK THIS, BUT...
...WHAT IF HE'S DONE SOMETHING STUPID?
LIKE GOING AFTER MGH DEALERS ON HIS OWN?
AND GETTING HIMSELF SHOT?
MAYBE I CAN CAST A LOCATING SPELL.
MAKE IT QUICK, BECAUSE THE LONGER WE WAIT--
BILLY, YOU'RE KINDA LEVITATING.
THAT'S HOW YOU KNOW IT'S WORKING.
FOUND HIM.
IS HE...?

"HE DID SOMETHING STUPID."

HE WAS ON THE *ROOF*. WE WERE *TRYING* TO--

IDIOTS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'VE *DONE?*

THWAP

YOU HAVE COMPROMISED OUR *LOCATION!*

MONTHS OF PREPARATION-- *YEARS* OF RESEARCH-- *DESTROYED* BECAUSE OF YOU.

DOCTOR ZABO! *NO! PLEASE--!*

KRAAK

INDEED LAD.

DOCTOR ZABO...?

BUT *YOU* MAY CALL ME...

...MISTER HYDE.

KNOCK KNOCK

ADLEY

DRRRING

CAPTAIN AMERICA!

ISAIAH AND I WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU.

YES?

PEGGY? MY NAME IS JESSICA JONES, AND I'M--

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

SORRY TO SHOW UP UNANNOUNCED, BUT--

NONSENSE. ISAIAH WILL BE SO EXCITED TO SEE YOU.

ACTUALLY, I--

COME IN.

IT WAS CASSIE, WASN'T IT? IN SCOTT'S COSTUME?

MRS. BURDICK, I--

COME IN.

BIG JOHN'S CAFE

HOW DID YOU *FIND* THIS PLACE?

WHO *ELSE* KNOWS YOU'RE HERE?

ACK--

AGH!

SHUNK

JUST *US.*

LET GO OF THE BOY!

NOW!

IF YOU *INSIST.*

I'VE GOT ELI.

WE'LL GET THE GIANT BAD GUY.

ELI...

YOU'RE... BLEEDING.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR POWERS?

LET ME GO!

ELI, WAIT!

AGGGH!

ELI!!!!

KRAAAAAK

ELI...

TO BE CONTINUED...

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